RESOLUTION NO. 07R-02-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES TO DIRECT SALES TAX COLLECTION ALLOWANCES TO THE "EDUCATIONAL **CLASSROOM** FOR FUND ENHANCEMENT TRUST TECHNOLOGY" BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THEIR SALES AND USE TAX RETURNS; ENSURING THAT THESE FUNDS ARE USED TO PURCHASE UP-TO-DATE TECHNOLOGY FOR CLASSROOMS IN BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE TEACHER TRAINING IN THE USE OF THAT TECHNOLOGY IN BROWARD COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY COMMISSION)

WHEREAS, Broward Schools can benefit by receiving additional funds if businesses elect to direct their sales tax collection allowances to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund as those funds can be used to purchase up-to-date technology and for the training of the teachers in that technology within their District; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lauderhill City Commission wants to advise businesses of the opportunity to elect to direct these revenues to the Schools in Broward County for this use and to encourage them to do so; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the funds that will come back to Broward County if businesses check the box option on their sales and use tax return forms is between \$4 and \$6 million annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City of Lauderhill hereby encourages businesses to direct their sales tax collection allowances to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund for classroom technology by checking the appropriate box on their sales and use tax returns (DR-15 and DR-15EZ) so that these funds can be spent on Broward County Schools technology.

SECTION 2. That the revenues deposited into this trust fund will be used to ensure that (a) up-to-date technology is purchased for the

classrooms in those districts, and (b) that the teachers are trained in the use of this technology in Broward County, Florida.

Section 3. That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to: the Broward County Commission, the School Board of Broward County, the Chamber, local businesses, the media, and any other interested persons.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

	DATED this	12th day of	February	, 2007.
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City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A REQUEST BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida sales and use tax dealers are entitled to retain a portion of the amounts they collect as compensation for collecting such taxes; and

WHEREAS, the retainage held by state sales and use tax dealers amounted to \$61 million in Fiscal Year 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Nan Rich and State Representative Ken Gottlieb sponsored a bill to allow state sales and use tax dealers to direct that their retained portion of the collection allowance be used to enhance classroom technology; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Legislature passed Senate Bill 1590, which amended Section 212.12, to provide an additional source of funds for education, and which specifically authorizes state sales and use tax dealers to forgo the sales tax collection allowance they are entitled to as compensation for collecting the tax for the State and, instead, direct that the fee amount be deposited into the State Education Enhancement Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2006, the Governor of the State of Florida signed the bill into law; and

WHEREAS, these funds that can be generated as a result of this bill are a supplement to and not a substitute for all other funding received by school districts through the Florida Education Finance Program and other categorical funding; and

WHEREAS, these funds can only be distributed to school districts that officially adopt a resolution declaring the revenue will be used solely for enhancing technology in the classroom and providing teacher technology training; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County adopted Resolution 07-01 on July 25, 2006, fulfilling the requirements of Senate Bill 1590 for receipt of the supplemental funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Weston, Florida:

<u>Section 1</u>: The City Commission supports the efforts of the School Board of Broward County in qualifying for these funds.

<u>Section 2</u>: The City Commission encourages sales tax dealers within the County to participate in this program to provide additional funds to the School Board of Broward County to enhance classroom technology and provide teacher technology training.

<u>Section 3</u>: The City Clerk is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to the School Board of Broward County, and the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Weston, Florida, this 5th day of February 2007.

ATTEST:

Patricia A. Bates, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality for the use of and reliance by the City of Weston only:

Jamie Alan Cole, City Attorney

Roll Call:

Commissioner Stermer Commissioner Henriksson Commissioner Chermak Commissioner Cheren Mayor Hersh Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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